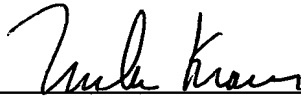


The claims have also been amended to more clearly describe the features of the present invention, and the abstract has been replaced by a new abstract, thereby correcting errors of grammatical nature and providing an abstract in proper format.

Entry of the preliminary amendments and examination of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.36884X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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